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To: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Denver Public Schools (DPS) relies on, and is appreciative of, the funding it receives from the ERate program each year. This funding allows the district to stay on the cutting edge of technology and provide a network that delivers high speed Internet and wireless capabilities to meet the needs of staff and students.

Despite our gratitude, we have concerns about the fact that we will no longer receive funds for our telephony services which are vital to the district. These services add up to around \$70,000 each month (\$840,000 annually). Eliminating funding for telephony services would have a huge negative impact to the district, and could reduce the district's ability to pay for other necessary projects, and could also result in staff reduction or other cutbacks, which would ultimately have a deleterious effect on our students.

DPS hopes that the ERate program will continue to fund telephony services to help ease the burden of these amenities. Please reconsider the impact this will have on our district and other schools and libraries throughout the nation.

Sincerely,

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